

RECREATION COMMISSION

Minutes

March 11, 2014

The regular meeting of the Watchung Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:35pm by Bill Jacques, Chairman of the Recreation Commission who determined the meeting had been called in accordance with the N.J.S.A. 20:4-6 et seq. Notice of this meeting was given by annual notice to the official newspapers, and posted at Borough Hall.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL:

L. Monetti (P); B. Jacques (P); D. Beck-Clemens (P). C. Zaikov (A); D. Mobus (P); A. Baldassarre (P); C. Murphy (A); J. Pennett (P); S. Mersereau (A) M. Onuska (P)

CONSENT AGENDA: J. Pennett made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 11th, 2014 meeting, D. Beck-Clemens second the motion.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT: Attached

PUBLIC PORTION:

Jeffrey Isaac accompanied by Sue Tucker presented a business plan to the Commission for refurbishing the Mobus Field Pavilion as his Eagle Scout Project. His plan is to clean out both the left and center closets of the Pavilion including a fresh coat of paint, organizing the contents and adding shelving. Also as part of his plan he would put together three park benches that will be place around the tennis courts as well making signs to number the courts. The benches have already been purchased with county grant funds and are being stored in the recreation shed. The Commission approved the contents of his proposal as all were in favor of his plan. (See attached proposal)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Commission discussed the Community Picnic, donations and sponsors. L. Monetti reported that letters will be sent out this month to businesses asking for donations or sponsorship to items at the event. M. Onuska and D. Mobus offered to pick up the order at BJ's prior to the event. L. Monetti mentioned asking Dunkin Donuts for a donation of ice tea as they have donated ice tea for last year's event. J. Pennet, D. Beck-Clemens, D. Mobus and M. Onuska plan on attending.

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VOUCHERS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL:

Ski Trip –

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| 1. DeCamp Bus Lines - | \$895.00 |
| 2. Camelback Mountain Tickets | \$1375.00 |

JM Designs – HS Basketball Jerseys 36 @ \$19.00 ea.	\$684.00
HS Basketball Jerseys 4 @ \$19.00 ea. w/S&H	96.00

Project Graduation Donation	\$300.00
DeCamp Bus Deposit for Yankee Trip	\$200.00
New York Yankee – 50 Tickets @ \$43.25 w/\$10.00 S/H	\$2172.46

CORRESPONDENCE:

Oath of Office for Mike Onuska
BSN Sports Catalog to discuss pricing on basketball backboards

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion of Capital budget ideas and update items of importance;

The Commission discussed the list of Capital budget items for 2012 – 2016. The items listed included the tennis court repairs which are now complete. They agreed to change the plan and include a priority of adding new playground equipment at Mobus Field with the addition of adding a drainage plan. D. Mobus suggested adding an entry to the area of equipment in order to keep children safe from the water way. He also mentioned using a rubber surface that will make the area maintenance free. A. Baldassarre suggested adding a black top service behind the pavilion to use as a skate park. The Commission agreed to remove all other items on the list and reevaluate the list at a future meeting.

REPORTS OF CHAIRPEOPLE:

Recreation Basketball	Special Projects	Tennis
Summer Playground	Little League	Women's
Softball	Ponytail	Twirling
Boys Traveling Basketball	Girls Traveling Basketball	Soccer
Somerset County Activities	Adult Basketball	Wrestling
Field Hockey	In Line Skating	Volleyball
Ice Hockey	Jr. Football	

B. Jacques reported that the Watchung Wrestling team made it to the State finals.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, April 2nd, 2014 at 7:30PM
at Borough Hall, at 15 Mountain Boulevard

WATCHUNG RECREATION
COORDINATOR'S REPORT
March 11, 2014

1. Watchung Recreation received a total of \$1335.00 from Green Brook Township for their participation in the Camelback Mountain ski trip held on February 9th. The Borough collected a total amount of \$2374.00 for all tickets and paid a total amount of \$2309.00 leaving a cost of \$65.00 for the total expense of the trip.
2. Mike Onuska had been appointed as a second alternate member to the Recreation Commission by the Mayor and Council at the February 19th meeting.
3. Tickets to the Yankee vs. Mets game for May 12, 2014 have been ordered and will be available for purchase on the Borough's website as soon as they have been received. Ticket prices will be available for \$60.00 which will include the bus transport to and from Yankee Stadium. The Borough was able to purchase the tickets for \$43.25 and secure the bus for \$933.00 with the parking fee. The \$60.00 per person fee will cover the entire cost of the tickets including the bus. If we sell all 46 purchased tickets as well as 3 of the 4 free tickets we will have a total of \$17.50 left over. One of the free tickets will go to B. Jacques who will be the contact person on the day of the trip.
4. On Feb. 20th two representatives from the Hurley Agency, the Borough's insurance company, came in to discuss the requirements for JIF (The Joint Insurance Fund) for all programs, events and Borough trips. It was brought to our attention as to what the Borough should carry extra insurance for, what would require a contract and what would require a Hold Harmless agreement. Also mentioned at the meeting was that the Hurley Agency would like to make a donation to the Community Picnic event and supply us with a banner that we could use at the event. Since the meeting the Field Permit application has been revised to include the newly formatted Hold Harmless Agreement with the changes that were necessary according to the Hurley Agency.